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**Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
March 23, 2016  
Calvin Coolidge Conference Room  
Montpelier, Vermont**

**Council Participants:** John Vetter, Chair, Archaeologist  
Barbara George, Vice Chair, Citizen Member  
Ron Kilburn, Citizen Member  
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect  
Helen Whyte, Citizen Member  
Glenn Andres, Architectural Historian  
David Donath, Historian

**Historic Preservation**

**Staff Participants:** Laura Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)  
Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian  
Jamie Duggan, Senior Project Review Coordinator  
Elizabeth Peebles, Historic Resources Specialist  
Yvonne Benney-Basque, Historic Resources Specialist  
Jenni Lavoie, Administrative Assistant

**Guests:** Daniel Kornguth, Black Barn Arts  
Kate Stephenson, Black Barn Arts  
Brennan Gauthier, VTrans  
Kyle Obenauer, VTrans  
Chris Slesar, VTrans  
Judith Ehrlich, VTrans  
Jen Russell, VTrans  
Rob Sikora, FHWA  
Andrea Wright, VTrans  
Don Trachte, Norman Rockwell Marker Applicant

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 9:08 am in the Calvin Coolidge conference room in Montpelier, Vermont.

**I. Changes to the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**II. Public Comment**

John Vetter opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.

**III. Review and Approval of February 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes**



Blaine Cliver made a motion to approve the February minutes with one change and Glenn Andres seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

**IV. State Register, Determination of Eligibility – Black Barn Arts, Guilford**

Devin Colman presented a review of Black Barn Arts in Guilford. Staff recommends that it is eligible for listing in the State Register under Criterion A & C. Daniel Kornguth, owner of the property, and Kate Stephenson were available to answer questions from council members. Following council review and discussion Blaine Cliver made a motion to find the Black Barn Arts eligible for the State Register, Helen Whyte seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**VII. State Architectural Historian Report**

Devin Colman provided council members with photographs and information from his site visit to the Norman Rockwell studio in West Arlington, VT. He also provided updates on two historic buildings recently lost to fire, the Stone Hut on Mt. Mansfield and the Archie Bunker in Warren. Council members were advised of an upcoming project relating to Finnish construction and homes in Vermont. Additions to the National Register included, Hinesburg Town Forest and Marsh-Billings Rockefeller.

**V. VTrans 2015 Annual Report**

The VTrans Cultural Resource Team, with Rob Sikora from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), joined the meeting to provide the Council with a status update and discuss their annual report. Discussion focused on work between the agencies relating to the programmatic agreement and sharing of information. Council members had opportunities to comment on the annual report, ask questions of the Cultural Resource Team and spoke to areas needing clarification.

**VI. Roadside Historic Marker – Norman Rockwell, Arlington**

Council members reviewed text and location information for the proposed historic marker. Don Trachte, applicant for the marker, joined the meeting to answer questions and spoke more about the history of the site and town involvement in Rockwell's work. Council members, Laura Trieschmann and the applicant discussed various wording options to incorporate more information into the marker text. Ron Kilburn moved to accept the marker, Helen Whyte seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

**VIII. SHPO Report**

Laura Trieschmann provided council members with various Division updates.

The budget for the Division has been closed with the legislature, with a small amount being recaptured. She also provided an update about the Stabilization Fund, which the House Institutions Committee recently agreed to sunset in fiscal year 2017.

Historic sites update included, progress of the new elevator and exhibit at the Bennington Battle Monument, and new exhibit under design for Chimney Point.

The Federal Historic Preservation Fund fiscal year 2015 application closeout and 2016 update has been accepted. The Division has been level funded for fiscal year 2017.

All 2016 Certified Local Government grants, recently awarded by the council, have all been signed and returned to the Division.



Council members were given an updated handout from Dale Azaria, not present at the meeting, regarding the archaeology process relating to ACT 250. This topic will be put on a future meeting agenda. Members were also updated that the archaeology staff are currently reworking the archaeology guidelines for consultants working in Vermont.

The Division's next annual consultant training will be held on Tuesday, April 12 at the Waterbury State Office Complex.

**IX. Annual Meeting**

Laura Trieschmann advised that both David Donath and Blaine Cliver have recently been reappointed by the Governor to the council. Barbara George and Helen Whyte's term end in 2017 and may apply to be reappointed.

Blaine Cliver motioned to keep the existing officers, John Vetter as Council chair and Barbara George as Vice Chair. Ron Kilburn seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Council members expressed interest and discussion held, on methods of working with the Division on education and outreach opportunities throughout the state.

**X. New Business**

Council meeting dates were reviewed for April 19, May 19 and June 10 at the Downtown and Historic Preservation conference.

**XI. Adjourn**